

Career Opportunity

Assistant Director

National Wildlife Research Center

The National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (USDA/APHIS/WS) is recruiting an Assistant Director to be located at the Center's headquarters office in Fort Collins, Colorado.

NWRC serves as the research and methods development arm of the Wildlife Services program. NWRC's mission is to apply scientific expertise to develop methods and information, while maintaining the quality of the environment shared with wildlife, and to resolve human-wildlife conflicts related to the following:

- agriculture damage (crops, livestock, aquaculture, and timber);
- domestic animal health (diseases transmitted by wildlife);
- human health and safety (diseases transmitted by wildlife, aviation);
- property damage;
- invasive species; and
- threatened and endangered species.

NWRC scientists strive to find solutions that are biologically sound, environmentally safe, and socially acceptable for use in resolving wildlife damage-management problems throughout the United States and abroad. NWRC employs more than 160 scientists and support staff at its headquarters in Fort Collins, CO, and at eight field stations located

throughout the United States. NWRC's scientists have expertise in a wide range of disciplines, including animal behavior, wildlife biology, wildlife sensory biology, chemistry, immunology, epidemiology, statistics, economics, population modeling, genetics, toxicology, and veterinary medicine.

For more information on current NWRC research, please visit:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/nwrc/

Position Duties

The Assistant Director works with the Director to assure the performance and results of the NWRC research program.

Key duties include the following:

- Assists the Director in providing leadership for developing, implementing, and evaluating strategic goals and objectives, program initiatives, and policies;
- Supervises managers in three research programs (Agricultural and Natural Resources Protection, Invasive Species and Technology Development, and Wildlife Disease) and four support units (information services, administrative, animal care, and quality assurance/quality control);
- Promotes an organizational culture that values and invests in its employees to support their

professionalism, competency, and innovation as Federal leaders of wildlife damage management;

- Provides high-quality wildlife damage management services for NWRC customers that result in the protection of agriculture, wildlife, and other natural resources, property, and human health and safety;

- Collects and analyzes internal and external information to monitor and enhance program effectiveness;

- Communicates internally and externally to accomplish NWRC's mission and to build an understanding of the Federal role in wildlife damage management;

- Ensures equal opportunity and non-discrimination in internal personnel management practices and the delivery of program services; and

- Enforces all civil rights laws, rules, regulations and executive orders in accomplishing the agency's mission.



The National Wildlife Research Center's headquarters is located in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Position Location

The NWRC is headquartered in Fort Collins, Colorado. The 43-acre campus includes facilities for conducting wildlife research, such as chemistry and disease laboratories, a wide range of outdoor animal holding pens, indoor animal test facilities for tropical and temperate simulated natural environments, and a biosafety-level 3 laboratory and animal test facilities.

In addition to the headquarters campus, NWRC also has field stations strategically located across the United States. The field stations focus on invasive species; problems to the sunflower, timber, livestock and aquaculture industries; wildlife-aviation impacts; pseudorabies and feral hogs; chemical sensory perception in wildlife; and overabundant birds.

Fort Collins rests along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and is home to Colorado State University and various high technology businesses. Fort Collins is situated within an hour of Rocky Mountain National Park, Roosevelt National Forest, and the Denver metro area. Hiking, white water rafting, fly fishing, wildlife viewing, in addition to spectacular scenery, are just a few of the activities available in the Fort Collins area.

Salary

The starting salary for the Assistant Director falls within the GS-14/15 grades and is dependent upon the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. Details of 2008 salary range within grade and locality can be found at <http://opm.gov/oca/08tables/>.

To Apply

The position will be advertised for four weeks starting in early June 2008 on the USAJobs website (www.usajobs.gov) as Assistant Director, National Wildlife Research Center.

The position will also be listed on the NWRC website (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/nwrc/employment/employment.shtml).

To apply, please visit the website and submit your application online.

For Additional Information

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Left to right: outdoor animal pens at NWRC's 43-acre headquarters campus; rabies scientist draws blood from a skunk; NWRC's Wildlife Science Building.



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